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Dan Auerbach on the return of the *Black Keys*

"We just got to work."
PAT KING

Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney are like those friends of yours who take long relaxing vacations only to remain connected to their work while they are lounging by the pool. Even though their arena-filling rock band, The Black Keys, had been on a "break" in the 5-year span before the release of this year's "Let's Rock," the two restless and adventurous musicians had hardly been taking it easy.

"Pat said that he and I together have produced something like 60 records in the past 5 or 6 years," says Dan Auerbach, the band's lead singer and guitarist, with a laugh. "I didn't realize that until he told me that. It's not like we weren't doing anything in that time. But we definitely needed a break."

While in recent years fans haven't been treated to that Black Keys release to rattle their car speakers, Auerbach and Carney have both been ever-present in shaping records by such popular artists as Cage The Elephant and Michelle Branch, as well as numerous recording projects and songwriting credits.

With their last album "Turn Blue" in 2015, the band had reached a sort of apex that fans of the band's earlier work may have never imagined from their rough lo-fi days that saw the Akron, Ohio duo bashing out blues riffs in their garage. In fact, it was a logical continuation of the direction the band had started on when they began working with producer Dange Mouse for their album "Attack and Release" in 2008. Ever since then, they have shifted from being the small band that the indie kids cherished, into one of the most dynamic forces in popular music, melding instantly recognizable blues-based garage rock while injecting a healthy dose of psychedelia. Furthermore, The Black Keys are one of the bands making the case for guitar-driven rock and roll at a time when like-minded groups are few and far between.

But time off wasn't something that dulled the band's creative drive. As Auerbach explains, the only hurdle in the way of making "Let's Rock" was actually getting into a room together with Carney to make it. By that measure, you can almost read into the title as both members getting into position and saying

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those words in jinx-like fashion: "Let's Rock."

"It was pretty simple. Pat and I just got together and started recording. We didn't really talk about it. We just got to work. It felt like the less we talked about it, the better," says Auerbach.

The resulting album finds the middle distance between the sprawling acid-soaked guitar heroics on "Turn Blue" with the direct power and tunefulness of albums like "Brothers" and "El Camino." And with 12 more songs in the group's arsenal, Auerbach and Carney are getting back into what it really means to have The Black Keys be an active band again.

"The thing is, you can't just make a record," says Auerbach. "We have to make a record and then we have to dedicate at least two years of our lives to touring and promoting. We stopped touring because it's just not healthy. We had to commit to the idea of getting out there. Which is where we are today."

Ever since songs like "Lonely Boy" and "Gold on the Ceiling" from the 2011 album "El Camino" seemed to dominate the world, the band has become a hit-making force to be reckoned with and their fingerprint is one that should not be downplayed as one of the most important influences in popular music. Can you honestly remember a time when a Black Keys song wasn't played as bumper music to a sports broadcast or their likeness wasn't used in a car commercial? While hearing their own music on the radio or being used by various outlets is humbling, Auerbach is a little less enthusiastic about the cheap imitators that sprung up in the wake of their success.

"There is so much of that because the TV stations or the channels or corporations, they don't want to pay to use our songs so they pay someone to do like a sh–ty f--king version of 'Howlin' For You.' There's a million of those that we hear constantly. There was this one guy who was so f–king stupid. He owned a casino or something. He bragged on Facebook [and said] 'check this out, I had these guys rip off a Black Keys song for my new commercial. What do you think?' We took a screenshot and sent it to a lawyer and sued him. What a f–king idiot!"

But as the saying goes, imitation is the best form of flattery. So, at least there is a silver lining to all of this?

"The thing that I like is that it sounds so sh–ty it makes me feel good about us," Auerbach says. "It's like muzak versions of our songs. We should just acquire the rights to a bunch of Black Keys rip-off songs and make a compilation [laughs]."

It's always commendable when a band can maintain its large and loyal fan base while taking continuous risks with every record release. Auerbach understands this and is thankful for their fans being open to the band's need to expand their sound each time they step into the studio.

"We're always looking for a new sound. We never want to do what we did before. That's the reason why we're still here. I think that if we were just making the same record over and over again we probably would have stopped a long time ago," says Auerbach. "I hope that they appreciate and enjoy the twists and turns. Ultimately, I'm not thinking about anything but the music when we're making a record. It's the only thing I'm thinking about."

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The spooky season is in full swing, which means it's the perfect time to relive the magic of everyone's favorite, lightning-scarred wizard. LeakyCon celebrates its 10th anniversary this weekend with another big fest dedicated to the wizarding world of Harry Potter. Hang out with other fans and get the chance to meet stars from the films, including Dan Fogler, Stanislav Yanevski, Chris Rankin and Luke Youngblood. **Oct. 11-13, Seaport Hotel & World Trade Center, 1 Seaport Lane, $69+, leakycon.com**

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CARRIE UNDERWOOD

Get ready to cry pretty, because Grammy-winning country crooner Carrie Underwood is ready to take over the TD Garden this weekend. See the megastar belt out hits from her sixth studio album as her tour stops in Boston on Thursday night. Special guests Runaway June and Maddie & Tae are also set to perform. **Oct. 10, 7 p.m., TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, $45+, tdgarden.com**

CATCH THE GAME WITH TEDY BRUSCHI

Hang out with Patriots legend and Super Bowl champion Tedy Bruschi while catching some Thursday Night Football at The Lenox Hotel. The fan-favorite star will be on hand to provide analysis during New England's matchup against the New York Giants. The event will also include appetizers, an auction and more, with proceeds going to benefit Bruschi's foundation, which raises awareness around stroke and heart disease. **Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m., The Lenox, 61 Exeter St., $75, eventbrite.com**

RAY LAMONTAGNE

Grammy winner Ray LaMontagne brings his soulful sounds to the Hub this weekend. The Nashua native returns to New England for one night only at the Wang Theatre. Special guest Kacy & Clayton joins LaMontagne as his "Just Passing Through" tour stops in Boston on Saturday night. **Oct. 12, 8 p.m., Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., $39.50+, bochcenter.org**

JIM BREUER

The "Saturday Night Live" alum and occasional heavy metal rocker brings the laughs to Boston on Friday night. See the "Half Baked" star show off his comedy chops when his "Live and Let Laugh" tours comes to town. **Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m., The Wilbur, 246 Tremont St., $35+, thewilbur.com**

MARC MARON

Fresh off his short appearance in the new "Joker" movie, comedian and podcasting pioneer Marc Maron stops in Boston this weekend. The comedy veteran will hit the stage at the Shubert Theatre for back-to-back stand-up sets on Saturday night. **Oct. 12, Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Boston, $49+, bochcenter.org**

THE SKLAR BROTHERS

No you're not seeing double. It's just twin brothers and longtime comedy duo the Sklar Brothers. The longtime stand-up stars and former "Cheap Seats" hosts head to the Hub this weekend for four shows at Laugh Boston. **Oct. 11-12, Laugh Boston, 425 Summer St., $25, laughboston.com**

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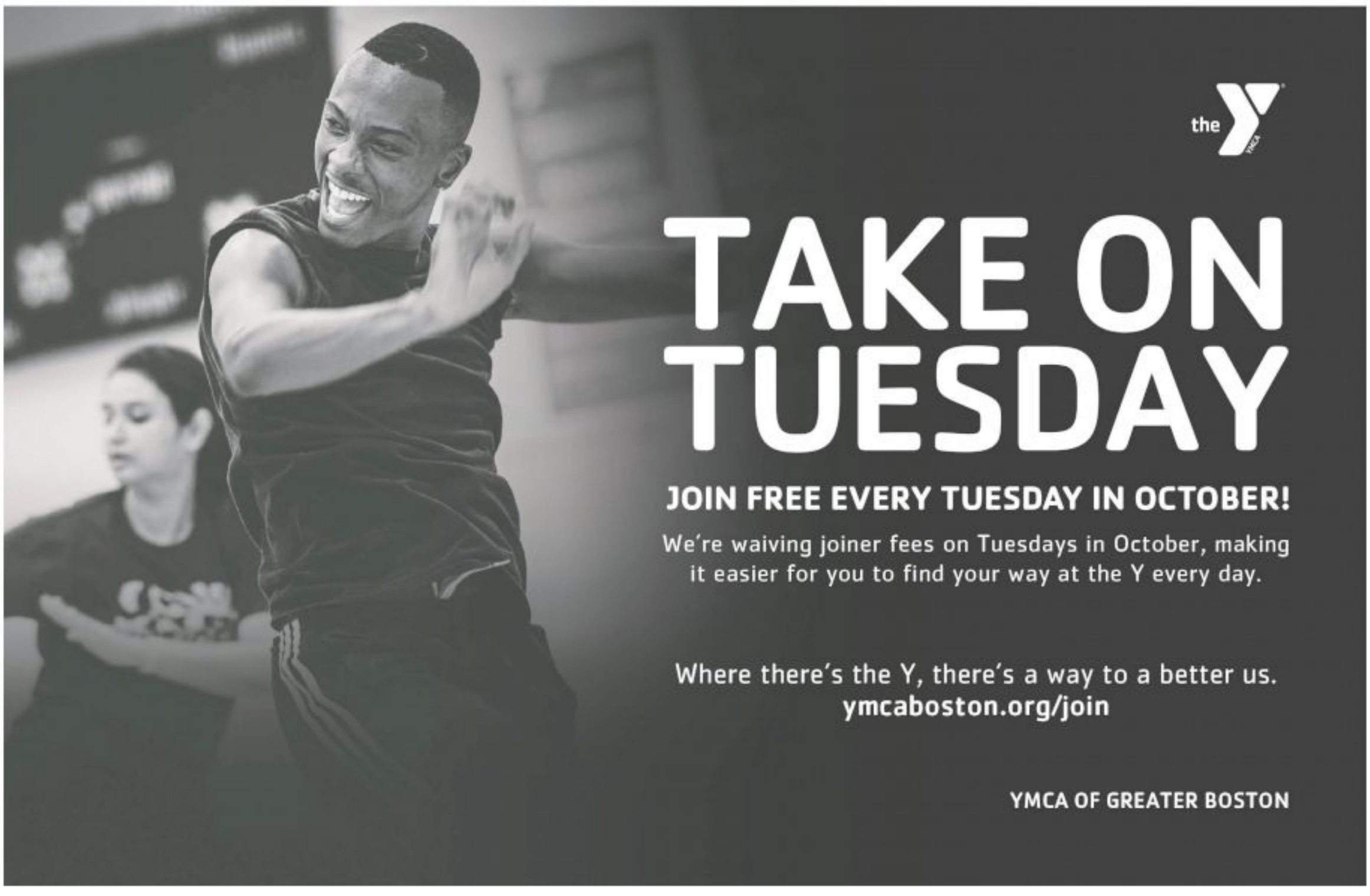
The spookiest family on television returns for an all-new adventure, this time in animated form on the big screen. Have a laugh (and a few scares) with Gomez, Morticia, Pugsley, Wednesday, Uncle Fester and the gang in the latest installment of the classic franchise. Opens **Oct. 11, various locations, addamsfamily.movie**

MONTY PYTHON

The beloved British comedy troupe is taking over the Brattle Theatre all weekend long. See Monty Python classics like "The Meaning of Life," "Holy Grail" and "Life of Brian" during select screenings at the Cambridge movie house between Friday and Monday as part of the Brattle's "Python-athon: 50 Years of Nonsense." **Oct. 11-14, Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge, brattlefilm.org**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Mark Mulcahy on his compassionate album 'The Gus'

The singer-songwriter plays Cafe 939 Friday

PAT KING

Mark Mulcahy may have released one of the most meaningful political records of the year with his new album "The Gus". Not by presenting any answers or sloganeering, but by simply writing with the qualities of someone who actually listens to what his neighbors have to say instead of casting them aside.

In many ways, "The Gus" is a very different record than the one-time Miracle Legion and Polaris frontman has made in the past. Inspired by the writing of George Saunders, he decided to narrow his focus on smaller details of specific characters and their everyday lives. The recording process was also something he wished to change up from his usual routine, with a revolving cast of musicians from song-to-song including J. Mascis of Dinosaur Jr. showing up here and there.

"Typically, I would make a record to make a statement or to document where I am at that minute," says Mulcahy, over the phone. "It's 19 whatever, or 20 whatever and here it is. For this record, I worked a little harder than I normally do, I suppose."

Much like his last record, his 2017 opus, "The Possum in the Driveway", Mulcahy has delivered an album that takes on a focused and emotional arc in lieu of simply a collection of fleshed-out singles. The characters he outlines in "The Gus" represent everyday Americans acting out of desperation given their unfortunate circumstances. As a poignant and sympathetic writer, these character studies by Mulcahy show an understanding that this kind of desperation should not be confused with bad intentions. Maybe robbing a store will get you out of your dead-end town? Maybe voting for someone based on their promises will help

shine a spotlight on a state that most people only fly over? There is a reason for the decisions people make, even if they end up doing more harm than good.

"I think most people are happy to disagree," says Mulcahy on the political approach of the new record. "I think it's just one end or the other that can't let anything go. In terms of writing about things, generally, I have a lot of songs about desperate people who you wouldn't necessarily think about having compassion for. At the same time, if somebody does something horrible, there's got to be some desperation. I've always wanted to write about that. I don't know how many times I've succeeded. It's easy to write about 'f–k you'. But I'm thinking about your end too."

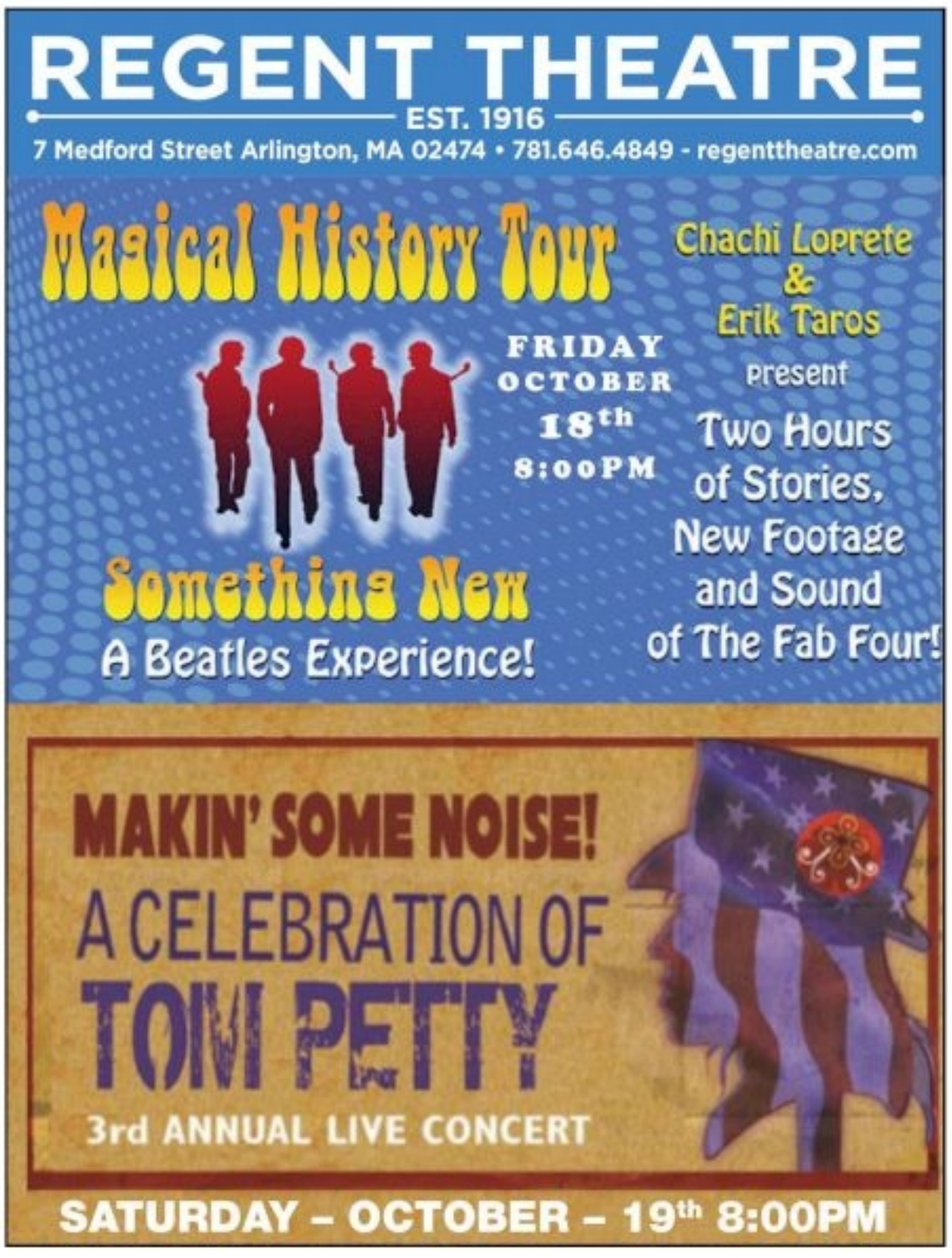
Crafting the perfect sequence of "The Gus" was of the utmost importance to Mulcahy, as it is with all of his projects. But with this record, it seemed absolutely essential. After all, you wouldn't jump into a show midseason, would you?

"Because of the way I came up, the album is what I know," he explains. "Once I was having drinks with David Thomas of Pere Ubu, and he made this great speech about how the album as an art form. We were talking about shuffle and how people are not qualified to decide the order. Because I really put a lot of time into all of that stuff. I put a lot of time into side A and Side B. It's a struggle to figure everything out and make the best order you can. I would not want to give that up but at the same time, this is the world… One of the things that bugs me the most is when they play 'We Are the Champions' [by Queen on 'News of the World'] and they don't play that little bit after. If that doesn't come on, I'm stuck."

The opening track on the album, "Wicked World", ranks up with Mulcahy's most emotionally affecting songs and perhaps one of the most powerful opening tracks on an album you are bound to hear this year. It's the kind of tearjerker only Mulcahy can really write. With Rainn Phoenix taking the second verse of the song and adding harmonies with Mulcahy, it hits you when you aren't looking and lays you to bed when you lose consciousness. I ask Mulcahy if he aims for the heartstrings with songs like this one, or if he surprises himself in the process.

"I don't really try. I don't have a plan or anything. It just happens that way. Somebody once told me, 'You were sent to make people cry.' Including myself! I played a gig at this festival in England, I was doing a song that I've done plenty of times and I was just weeping. People can tell because you can't sing anymore. It's obvious. I sort of apologized a little bit. But that's what it's supposed to do. It's the same for me as it is for you. I'm as much a listener as I am a maker."

Make sure to catch Mark Mulcahy at The Red Room at Cafe 939 this Friday, October 11.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New England native sets sail in 'The Spongebob Musical'

Morgan Blanchard on bringing the show's first national tour to Boston. MATT JUUL

Are you ready kids, because "The Spongebob Musical" ships up to Boston this month as part of the show's first national tour.

Set to take over the Wang Theatre Oct. 15-27, the hit production based on the beloved Nickelodeon cartoon earned 12 Tony nominations and one win during its initial run on Broadway. After kicking off the national tour in Schenectady last month, Spongebob, Patrick, Squidward and the rest of the Bikini Bottom gang are finally heading to the Hub, and they're setting sail with a special cast member who knows how to navigate Boston's dirty water.

New England native Morgan Blanchard takes on the role of Patchy the Pirate in "The Spongebob Musical," and he is thrilled to bring the show to his old stomping grounds. In fact, the Wang Theatre was where Blanchard saw his first touring show, "The Phantom of the Opera," as a kid while growing up in Rye, N.H., just outside of Portsmouth.

"I could not be more excited," Blanchard tells Metro. "Just to perform at the Wang is the craziest thing in the world. It's where I grew up seeing all the tours coming through."

Ever since his first school play in kindergarten, Blanchard has been enamored with theater and the arts. He scored his first role with a professional show in fifth grade as part of a production of "The Sound of Music" at Prescott Park, and hasn't slowed down since.

"I kind of did theater non-stop from that moment on," says Blanchard, who has a BFA in Musical Theatre from Ithaca College.

With a slew of regional and national credits under his belt, Blanchard knew early on in high school that he wanted to make a career out of his creative outlets.

"Probably my freshman year of high school is when I knew that this is what I wanted to do," says Blanchard. "Fortunately I had parents who were so supportive and ready to back me in that regardless of whether it's stable or not."

Having been a fan of the franchise since childhood, Blanchard admits that playing Patchy the Pirate in "The Spongebob Musical" is a massive opportunity, and he's determined to give it his all since so many fans across the globe love the swashbuckling character from the cartoon.

"It's pretty huge," says Blanchard. "It's the biggest opportunity I've come across yet and I'm so grateful."

"It's such a blast to bring to life these cartoon characters that you think are so surface level," he adds, "but they're actually very detailed and can tell a really relevant and truthful story."

As for why Spongebob and his pals have had such a big impact on culture over the decades, Blanchard notes that part of it is due to the show's focus on community.

"The whole concept of Bikini Bottom," says Blanchard. "This idea of community is very relatable. That's what keeps people coming back to it."

There's also the show's unique brand of humor, which Blanchard believes has influenced an entire generation of fans.

"The humor really has morphed our generation," says Blanchard. "The way our generation finds things funny is incredibly shaped by Spongebob and other Nickelodeon cartoons."

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When is 'Fargo' season 4 coming out?

Here's what its writer and director told us.

GREGORY WAKEMAN MWN

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As the winner of two Emmys, three Golden Globe and countless other nominations, "Fargo" has proven to be one of the most popular television shows of recent memory.

That's exactly why its fourth season, which is set in 1950s Kansas City and stars Chris Rock, is so eagerly anticipated. Metro had the chance to sit down and talk to Noah Hawley, the creator and showrunner on all four seasons of "Fargo" about his directorial debut "Lucy In The Sky."

Right at the end of our conversation we asked Hawley, "When is 'Fargo' season 4 coming out?" Hawley responded, "It will be in the spring." It had previously been announced that production on "Fargo" season 4 will take place in Chicago, Illinois.

We also know that "Fargo" season 4 will see Rock playing the head of a crime family made up of African Americans who have fled the Jim Crow South. Rock's gangster soon becomes embroiled in a violent relationship with the Kansas City mafia.

As well as Rock, the massive ensemble for the fourth season of "Fargo" is rounded out by Timothy Olyphant, Uzo Abuda, Jeremie Harris, Ben Whishaw, Jason Schwartzman, Jack Huston, Jessie Buckley, Salvatore Esposito, Andrew Bird and Amber Midthunder.

Hawley didn't go into too much detail about what makes this outing different to the previous seasons of "Fargo," but did note, "It is very different. It is huge. It is twice the size of any other season we have done."

Metro was also interested to learn more about the involvement of executive producers Joel and Ethan Coen, who wrote, produced and directed the Oscar winning 1996 crime comedy that the show takes its name from and is, at this point, very, very loosely based on.

"They're not that involved," explained Hawley. "But they're nice. They tolerate me."

We'll get to see how Hawley tips his hat to the Coen Brothers' incredible oeuvre when "Fargo" season 4 is finally released in the spring of 2020.

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— Anonymous, *Metro New York reader*

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Aries Take an overall view of what's going on around you to avoid being taken for granted. If someone asks for too much, refuse them with no hard feelings.

Taurus You're heading in the right direction. Change can be exciting if you oversee every step. Live in the moment and make the most of whatever comes your way. Romance is apparent.

Gemini Look for opportunities. Do your research and verify what's being offered. Don't expect everyone to be honest. Emotional tactics will be used to manipulate you.

Cancer Express your thoughts and check out new possibilities. Socializing will lead to exciting encounters that will spark your imagination. Personal gains, love and better health should be priorities.

Leo Keep busy and focus on finishing what you start. Someone will complain if you fall short on a promise. Don't let someone else's change disrupt your plans.

Virgo Expand your knowledge. Listen and experiment. Getting together with people who share your beliefs will encourage you to do something that will improve your life.

Libra Problems at home can be solved with a little understanding. Listen to what others propose and consider where and how you fit into what needs to be done. Patience will pay off.

Scorpio You've got this. Stay focused and let your imagination, intelligence and experience help you gain ground and achieve what you set out to do. Romance is on the rise.

Sagittarius Don't overreact. An emotional matter will be misleading. If you let your feelings consume you, it will lead to a mistake. Focus on your responsibilities, not on what others are doing.

Capricorn Put your plans in motion. The changes you make will help you recognize what you want to do next. Trust and believe in your ability to make a difference.

Aquarius Don't let change disrupt your day. Consider what's happening and who is masterminding the changes, and whether it's beneficial for you to take part. Protect your money, possessions and passwords.

Pisces You'll have too many options. Take a serious look at what's available and choose whatever makes the most sense. You need to take the bull by the horns if you want to succeed. EUGENIA LAST

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Turkey launches military operation in Syria

Civilians flee Syrian border towns as Turkish warplanes, artillery kick off offensive

Turkey attacked Kurdish militia positions in northeast Syria on Wednesday, pounding them with air strikes and artillery barrages in a cross-border military operation just days after U.S. troops pulled back from the area.

Thousands of people fled the Syrian town of Ras al-Ain toward Hasaka province, held by the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces. The Turkish air strikes had killed two civilians and wounded two others, the SDF said.

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan, announcing the start of the action, said the aim was to eliminate what he called a "terror corridor" on Turkey's southern border.

But U.S. President Donald Trump, who ordered the U.S. pullout last week in an abrupt policy shift, said the offensive was "a bad idea" and he did not endorse it. He expected Turkey to protect civilians and religious minorities and to prevent a humanitarian crisis, he said.

"The United States does not endorse this attack and has made it clear to Turkey that this operation is a bad idea," Trump said in a statement released Wednesday morning. "There are no American soldiers in the area. From the first day I entered the political arena, I made it clear that I did not want to fight these endless, senseless wars – especially those that don't benefit the United States."

Civilians flee with their belongings amid Turkish bombardment on Syria's northeastern town of Ras al-Ain in the Hasakeh province along the Turkish border on October 9, 2019. GETTY IMAGES

"The United States does not endorse this attack and has made it clear to Turkey that this operation is a bad idea."

Donald Trump

European countries called on Ankara to halt the operation and Egypt called it "a blatant and unacceptable attack on a brotherly Arab state."

Turkey had been poised to enter northeast Syria since the U.S. troops who had been fighting with Kurdish-led forces against Islamic State started to leave in what Trump critics called a betrayal of Washington's allies.

A Turkish security source told Reuters the military offensive, dubbed "Operation Peace Spring," opened with air strikes. Turkish howitzer fire then hit bases and ammunition depots of the Kurdish YPG militia.

The artillery strikes, which also targeted YPG gun and sniper positions, were aimed at sites far from residential areas, the source said.

World powers fear the Turkish action could open a new chapter in Syria's eight-year-old war and worsen regional turmoil. REUTERS

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Two killed in shooting at synagogue in Germany, suspects flee in hijacked car

Two people were killed in shooting attacks on a synagogue and a nearby kebab shop in the eastern German city of Halle on Wednesday and one suspect was arrested, but two others fled in a hijacked a car, officials said.

The violence occurred on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the calendar in Judaism when Jews fast, seeking atonement. Broadcaster n-tv reported that two people were seriously injured in the attack, in addition to the two killed.

The two suspects on the loose headed out on a motorway that leads to Munich in the country's south, according to the mayor of the town of Landsberg, adjacent to Halle. Gunfire was also heard in Landsberg, Focus Online reported.

A spokeswoman for the Halle municipal government said one shooting took place in front of the synagogue on Humboldt street and its accompanying cemetery, while a second burst of gunfire targeted the kebab bistro in the city in the province of Saxony.

Amateur video shows shooting in Halle, Germany, October 9, 2019.

Police officers cordon off an area in Wiedersdorf, Germany. REUTERS

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70-80 people were inside the Humboldt street synagogue celebrating Yom Kippur.

Max Privorozki, Halle's Jewish community chairman, described how a gunman tried to shoot his way into the city's synagogue.

"We saw via the camera system at our synagogue that a heavily-armed perpetrator with a steel helmet and a gun tried to shoot open our doors," he told the Stuttgarter Zeitung newspaper. "The man looked like he was from the special forces....But our doors held."

"We barricaded the doors from inside and waited for the police," he said, adding that about 70-80 people were inside the Humboldt street synagogue celebrating Yom Kippur.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel's government voiced outrage over the attack on Yom Kippur and urged tougher action against anti-Semitic violence.

"That on the Day of Atonement a synagogue was shot at hits us in the heart," Foreign Minister Heiko Maas wrote on Twitter. "We must all act against anti-Semitism in our country."

The federal prosecutors office said it had taken over the investigation from local police, a procedural step under German law indicating suspicions of terrorism committed by political extremists.

Anti-Semitism is a particularly sensitive issue in Germany, which during World War Two was responsible for the genocide of 6 million Jews in the Nazi Holocaust. Around 200,000 Jews live today in the country of around 83 million people.

Another Halle city spokesman said an emergency situation had been declared and all residents had been advised to stay at home. He said that emergency services and police were evacuating people from the synagogue.

The identities of the dead and injured were not immediately known. REUTERS

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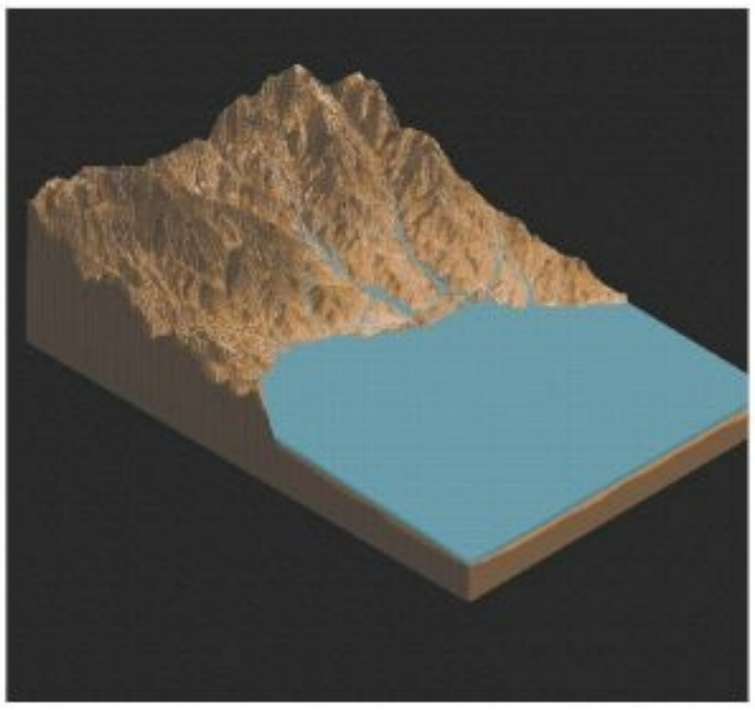
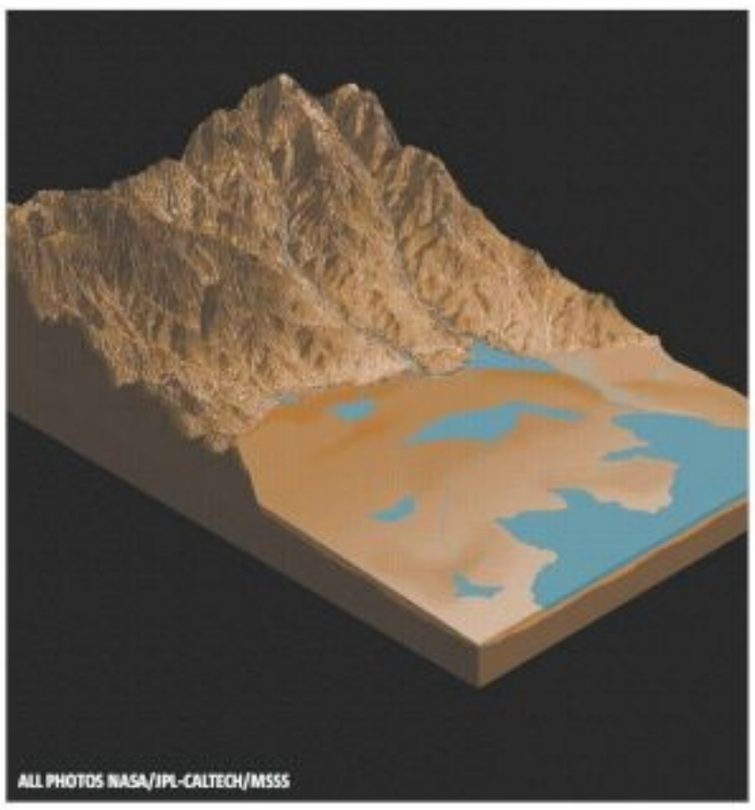
Curiosity finds an ancient oasis on Mars





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A glance into the past

During the last trip through the Gale Crater on Mars, NASA's Curiosity Rover discovered evidence that makes scientists believe that there was an oasis at its base. Experts have described the possibility of a Martian past in a report recently published in Nature Geoscience magazine, in which they highlighted the study of rocks enriched with mineral salts found at that place. MWN

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kilometers wide is the size of the Gale Crater.

Martian climate has changed

The evidence found by Curiosity and analyzed by scientists shows the possibility that climate on Mars has drastically changed. The natural events might have transformed the wetter environment of the planet into the frozen desert that it is now. Experts are now investigating how long this transition took and when it occurred. MWN

5 Ways to celebrate fall in the Lehigh Valley

Food festivals, a Celtic Highland Games celebration and more.

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There's nothing like getting out of the city to explore when the leaves start to change. Lehigh Valley is home to some of the best hiking spots within a short drive from Philly, as well as tons of breweries and cultural events throughout the season. Here are five ways to make the most of autumn in the Lehigh Valley.

Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival

Join a celebration of Celtic heritage and culture for a weekend of music, dancing and games. The Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival attracts hundreds of thousands attendees to Bethlehem each year. Athletes from around the world compete in the Highland Games, and there is friendly competition in other events like the Haggis Bowl eating competition and pipe band competition. There's plenty of entertainment for the festival's free admission, including the games and live music all three days. Food and drink are pay as you go. *Sept. 27-29, 123 W Lehigh St. Bethlehem, PA, Pay as you go, celticfest.org*

Oktoberfest at SteelStacks

The SteelStacks in Bethlehem is home to a huge Oktoberfest celebration during two weekends in October. Explore two Yuengling biergartens with special brews, shop for gifts and decor from local vendors and enjoy a variety of food including German delicacies. This celebration also has friendly competitions. Watch ice sculptors practice their craft with high stakes, cheer for an underdog during a Wiener Race and watch axe experts throw down during the Great Lakes Timber Show. Admission is free, but purchase beer "passports" in advance to get more brews for your buck. *Oct. 4-6 & 11-13, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, PA, Pay as you go, steelstacks.org*

Lehigh Valley Cider & Wine Festival

Head to baseball park Coca-Cola Park in Allentown for an ultimate four hour event featuring more than 30 producers. Sample brews and beverages from a range of cideries and wineries, both regional and from across the country. Purchase a VIP ticket to attend the event for an extra hour. Plus, there's a perk to being a designated driver. DD tickets are just $5, which automatically includes early access and non-alcoholic drinks. *Oct. 5, Coca-Cola Park, 1050 IronPigs Way, Allentown, PA, $35-$45, milb.com*

Fall cocktails at Eight Oaks Craft Distillers

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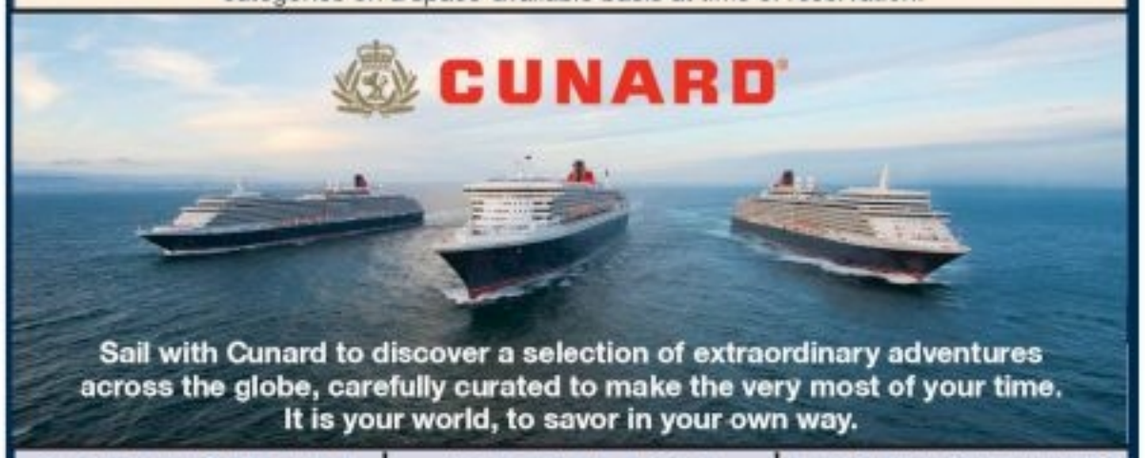

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IS 16-0 DREAM ATTAINABLE?

OPINION

DANNY PICARD

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One week at a time. I get it.

But with a 5-0 start to the season for the Patriots, I can't help but think about the possibility of a 16-0 season. So let's take a look at the current road to possible perfection:

Week 6: vs New York Giants

-It's a short week for a rookie quarterback at Gillette, which is nightmare fuel for every Giants fan entering Thursday Night Football. Also, no Saquon Barkley. If this one is close, it'll be because it's also a short week for the Patriots. But there's no way the Giants win.

Week 7: at New York Jets

-Monday Night Football at MetLife. The Patriots already defeated New York in Week 3. The Jets might still be looking for their first win of the season. Spoiler: they won't get it here.

Week 8: vs Cleveland Browns

-Cleveland comes off the bye for this 4:25 p.m. kickoff at Gillette. The Browns have shown flashes of promise, but are still a team that needs to focus less on the "show" and more on the game. Over-under on Baker Mayfield commercials during the broadcast is 16.

Week 9: at Baltimore Ravens

-It's Sunday Night Football and the Patriots' final game before the bye. The Ravens won their first two games against two brutal teams (Miami and Arizona), yet many have already put Lamar Jackson in Canton. Cleveland scored 40 points in Baltimore. How many points will New England score there?

Week 10: BYE

Week 11: at Philadelphia Eagles

-This begins New England's toughest four-game stretch of the season. The Eagles are still trying to solidify their identity with Carson Wentz under center. The 'Philly Special' won't work on this Patriots defense though. Pats and the under sound like good bets here.

Week 12: vs Dallas Cowboys

-Dallas got off to a 3-0 start, but turned into a puddle against the Saints and Packers in Weeks 4 and 5. That exposed the Cowboys a bit, making this game at Gillette a lot less dangerous for the Patriots. Score early on the Cowboys and they'll stop running the football with their most dangerous weapon, Ezekiel Elliott, altogether. Not an impossible strategy to execute.

Week 13: at Houston Texans

-This one on Sunday Night Football has potential "trap game" factors for the Patriots, as they'll host Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs the following Sunday. The Pats can't afford to overlook the Texans. This will be tougher than the Kansas City game.

Week 14: vs Kansas City Chiefs

-You'll get the "potential AFC Championship preview" analysis leading into this one at Gillette, but if you've watched the Chiefs' defense this season, you know they can't make the big stop when they absolutely need to. That won't work well against Tom Brady. This one will be overhyped. Pats and the over.

Week 15: at Cincinnati Bengals

-This is the first of three "just don't get hurt and get out of there with a win" games. The Bengals have no shot.

Week 16: vs Buffalo Bills

-The Bills come to town for a rematch of the Patriots' Week 4 win in Buffalo. That was a 16-10 game. This won't be nearly as close.

Week 17: vs Miami Dolphins

-It's possible the Dolphins will be searching for their first win here, in Week 17. It's also possible the Patriots will be looking to seal the deal on a 16-0 regular season. There'll be no 'Miami Miracle' this year.

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Tom Brady has the Patriots sitting pretty at 5-0. GETTY IMAGES

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Thursday Night Football betting preview

The 5-0 Patriots are set to roll over the 2-3 Giants tonight at Gillette Stadium, but will they be 17 points better?

New England is 3-2 against mostly massive spreads this season, while the G-Men are 2-3 ATS. New England could easily be 5-0 ATS right now if not for two fluke touchdowns allowed in a 30-14 win over the Jets in Week 3 (muffed punt recovery, pick-6 by backup QB Jarrett Stidham in garbage time), and a missed extra point in a 16-10 road win over the Bills in Week 4.

Seventeen points seems like a fair number here considering the Giants offense will be missing Saquon Barkley, Evan Engram and Sterling Shepard. New England's defense is historically great through five weeks, having allowed a measly 6.8 points per game this year. The second best defense in the NFL (Chicago) is allowing over double that (13.8).

The Pats defense has not allowed a single passing touchdown this season, making it really hard to fathom how in the world rookie Daniel Jones can put six points on the board this evening.

Also going against the Giants in this one is that their defense is 28th in the NFL in passing yards allowed per game (279.4) and the Big Blue D is 23rd in the league in yards allowed on the ground (130.0).

It's supposed to be really sloppy in Foxboro tonight, with buckets of rain in the forecast, so that could be the Giants' one saving grace as they hope for a low-scoring affair.

Still, Tom Brady and the Patriots have shown many times over the years that they are not against airing it out in less-than-ideal conditions. In fact, the Patriots largest victory in the Brady era came during a snowstorm at home in 2010, when they blasted the Titans, 59-0.

The Patriots also have never really exacted revenge for their two Super Bowl losses to the Giants. Their only meeting since Super Bowl XLVI came in 2015 in the Meadowlands and the Pats barely escaped with a 27-26 victory.

All of the main Super Bowl characters from the Giants are now gone - with Tom Coughlin in Jacksonville and Eli Manning now riding the pine, but you can bet 'Mr. Long Memory' Bill Belichick wouldn't mind rubbing the Giants' noses in the mud with an all-time blowout.

The play: Patriots -17

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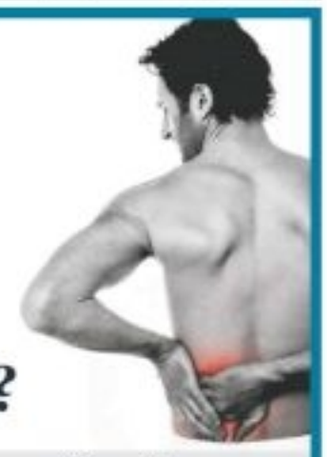

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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. SU19C0477CA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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In the matter of: **Adrianna Precious Mcdonald**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Adrianna Precious Mcdonald** of **Roxbury, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Tiffany Da'nae Foster**

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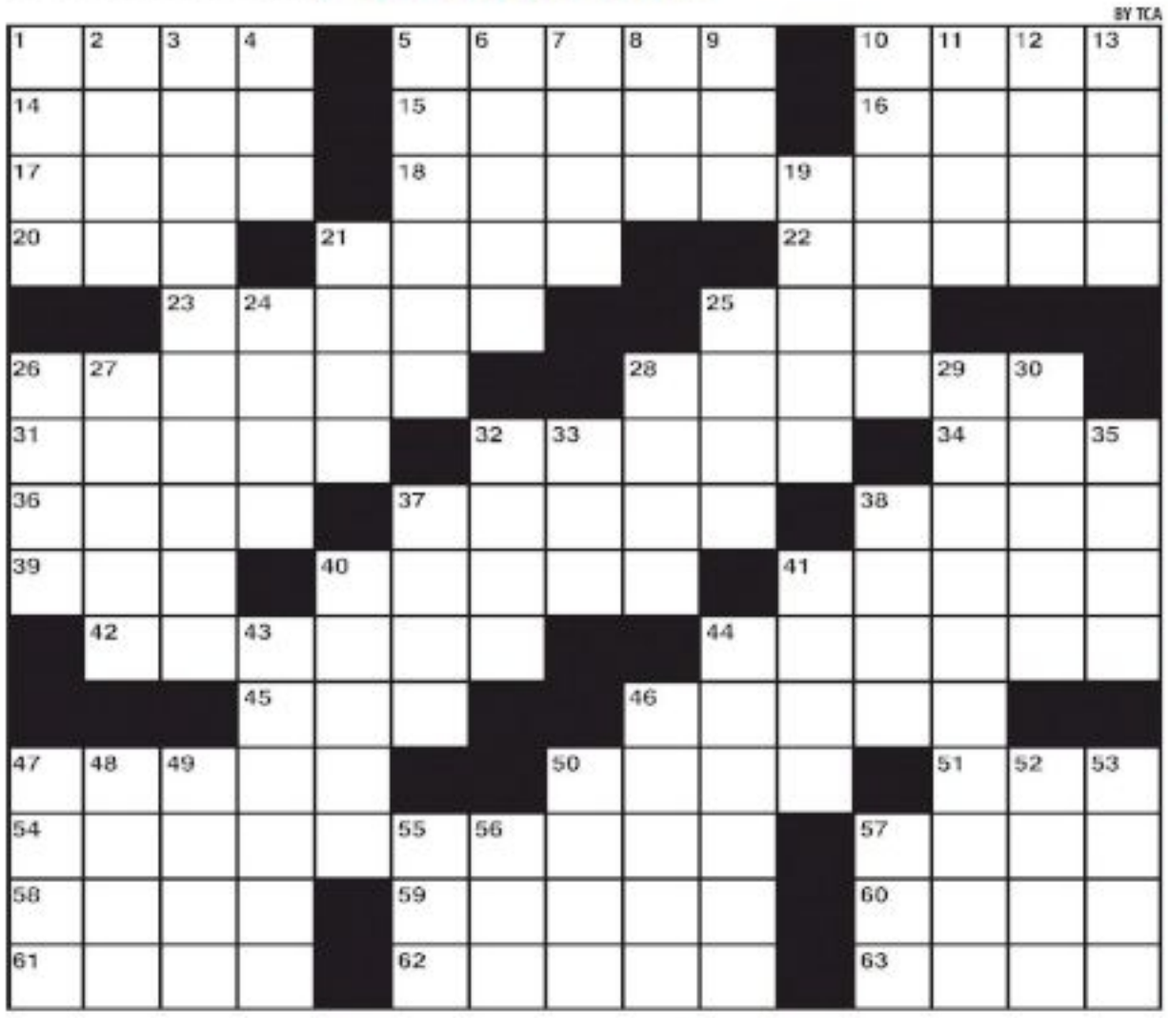

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10 Male animal
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15 Luau greeting
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17 __ up; quit talking
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20 "__ Anybody Seen My Gal?"
21 Pleasant
22 Good wood for rafts
23 T-Mobile store purchase
25 __ alai
26 Artificial; false
28 Outdoor meal
31 Is a breadwinner
32 Blackboard writer's "pen"
34 Apple computer
36 Bench board
37 "Seek and ye __ find"
38 Lively
39 Tit for __
40 Knife part
41 Metal threads
42 Road construction sign
44 Most recent
45 Two months ago: abbr.
46 Realtor's delights
47 __ off; disregard
50 Stare openmouthed
51 Cry
54 Friendly
57 Headfirst plunge
58 Part of the foot
59 Still breathing
60 __ the moon; elated
61 Farm animal
62 __ from; talk out of
63 Portable shelter

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2 Fashion designer Oscar __ Renta
3 Irritate greatly
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5 Vegas attraction
6 Wonderland visitor
7 "It's all Greek __!"
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9 Actor Linden
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19 Taken __; surprised
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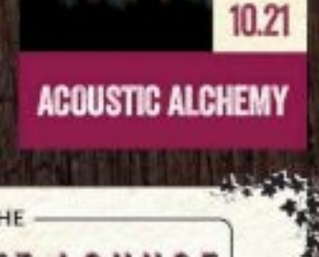
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